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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: SPANISH SAHARA

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1. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ME OCT 19 TO GET OUR VIEWS ON SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED BY SPAIN. HE NOTED MOROCCO HAD REQUESTED DEFERRAL. I TOLD SWEDISH AMB EMBASSY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DEFINITE WORD ON POSITION USG WOULD TAKE REGARDING CALL FOR SC MEETING. VARIOUS FACTORS WERE NO DOUBT BEING WEIGHED, I COMMENTED. ON ONE HAND, USG WAS GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF HOLDING SPECIAL MEETINGS WHEN A MEMBER SO INSISTED. ON OTHER, THERE HAD AS YET BEEN NO ACTUAL BREACH OF PEACE, KING THUS FAR HAVING ANNOUNCED PEACEFUL MARCH.

2. SWEDISH AMB SAID HE HAD HEARD SPANIARDS WERE PREDICTING MARCH WOULD CROSS BORDER AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 23. I NOTED WE HAD NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT SUCH A CONTENTION AND THAT IT SEEMED HIGHLY UNLIKELY FROM WHAT WE DID KNOW THAT
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GOM WOULD BE READY TO MOVE MORE THAN TOKEN NUMBERS THAT SOON.

SWEDISH AMB SAID MFA SECRETARY OF STATE CHERKAOUI HAD TOLD HIM GOM DID NOT INTEND TO MOVE AS EARLY AS OCT 23.

3. SWEDISH AMB ALSO SAID HE HAD HEARD RUMOR THAT MOROCCAN AND ALGERIAN UNITS HAD TANGLED IN TINDOUF AREA. HE HAD ALSO QUERIED CHERKAOUI ON THIS RUMOR AND HAD BEEN TOLD IT WAS BASELESS.

4. COMMENT: AS NOTED SEPTEL, PRELIMINARY MOVEMENT OF MARCHERS WITHIN MOROCCO TO ASSEMBLY POINT ON SAHARAN BORDER SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCT 21 AND FIRST MARCHERS TO ARRIVE NEAR BORDER OCT 23. OTHER ARRIVALS TO BE SCHEDULED OVER FOLLOWING DAYS AND FINAL MARCH FROM BORDER TO AL AYOUN WILL AWAIT ORDER FROM KING. WE WOULD JUDGE IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST A WEEK OR TEN DAYS BEFORE MARCHERS HAVE ASSEMBLED ON BORDER.
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